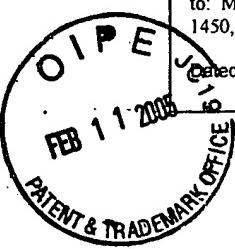


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Dear Sir:

This is filed with a Request for Continued Examination and in response to a final Office Action herein, mailed 11 February 2004. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Also included herewith is the following Exhibit:

Exhibit A: Ausubel et al., eds. CURRENT PROTOCOLS IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY Unit 1.5
(John Wiley & Sons 1998).